

REMARKS

Claims 22-59 are pending.

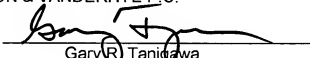
The amendments are supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added. A statement claiming priority to the parent application has been added to the substitute specification submitted on June 6, 2002.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS

New claims 22-59 are added.